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PATENT APPLICATION

File No: 99-61

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

James L. Holloway

Serial No.

09/772,813

Group Art Unit

: 1631

Examiner

: John S. Brusca

Filed

: January 30, 2001

For

: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING NEAR IDENTITIES

IN LARGE DNA DATABASES

Date Submitted

: December 18, 2002

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2002 be extended for a period of three months from September 29, 2002 to December 29, 2002.

Applicants claim small entity status. Please charge the total fee, estimated to be \$460.00 to ZymoGenetics, Inc., Deposit Account No. 26-0290. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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